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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 19 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

20 A.J.P. and A.M.P., minors by and
 21 through their guardian ad litem Cynthia
 22 Nunez, individually and as successor in
 23 interest to Albert Perez, deceased; and
 24 PATRICIA RUIZ, individually,

25 Plaintiffs,

26 v.

27 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO;
 28 and DOES 1-10, Inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. 5:22-CV-01291 SSS (SHKx)

*[Honorable Sunshine Suzanne Sykes,
 Magistrate Judge, Shashi H.
 Kewalramani]*

**DECLARATION OF DEPUTY
 JOSH STONE IN SUPPORT OF
 DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR
 SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Filed concurrently with:

1. Notice of Motion and Motion;
2. Statement of Uncontroverted Facts;
3. Declaration of Kayleigh Andersen;
4. Declaration of Sergeant Gaytan;
5. Declaration of Corporal McCarthy;
6. Declaration of Corporal Olivas;
7. Declaration of Corporal Pollick;
8. Declaration of Deputy Moore;
9. Declaration of Sergeant Scalise;
- and
10. [Proposed] Order

Date: April 19, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Crtrm.: Courtroom 2, 2nd Floor

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DECLARATION OF DEPUTY JOSH STONE

I, **Deputy Josh Stone**, declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, except as to those stated on information and belief and, as to those, I am informed and believe them to be true. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

2. On Sunday, August 29, 2021, at approximately 1900 hours I received a text message from Sergeant Luke Gaytan requesting all members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Specialized Enforcement Division Team 1 ("SED Team") to respond to Zenda Street in Victorville for a barricade situation where the subject had threatened a female with a firearm, and that the subject was barricaded in the garage of a multi-unit complex where he did not live.

3. Sergeant Gaytan also notified the SED Team that a crisis negotiator, Negotiator Anthony Alcala, was also responding to the incident location.

4. Sergeant Gaytan had all members of the SED Team, which included Sergeant Gaytan, Corporal McCarthy, Corporal Pollick, Deputy Moore, Corporal Gary, Corporal Olivas, and myself, meet at the Victorville Library just west of the incident location for a briefing prior to arriving at the subject location.

5. During this briefing, the SED Team learned that patrol was negotiating with the suspect, Albert Perez ("Perez"), who was seated on a stool at the rear of the garage behind a pool table and was in possession of a gun.

6. The SED Team also learned that the door from the garage to the home had been locked by the homeowner, and that both sides of the garage were contained by patrol units trying to de-escalate the situation and trying to convince Perez to surrender peacefully, but that he was refusing to put the gun down.

7. During this briefing, the SED Team also developed an operational plan, which included medical plans, gas plans, and less-lethal plans, before going to the incident location.

1 8. The SED Team's medical plan included requesting Victorville Fire
2 Department, American Medical Response, and air rescue, the sheriff's helicopter, to
3 be on standby in the event that there was a medical emergency. The BearCat and
4 Corporal Olivas' vehicle were also set up as medical extract vehicles.

5 9. The SED Team's gas plans included Corporal Pollick and Deputy Moore
6 having chemical agents should the need and opportunity to use them arise, and
7 Corporal Pollick developed a chemical agent plan for the garage of the house. The
8 SED Team developed numerous less lethal plans to be used at the appropriate point
9 if the opportunity presented itself.

10 10. The SED Team's operational plan included containing both sides of the
11 garage, with Corporal McCarthy, Corporal Olivas, and I positioned on the southeast
12 corner of the garage, with Corporal Olivas with a shield and her pistol, Corporal
13 McCarthy behind Corporal Olivas with lethal cover, and I with a less lethal 40 mm
14 less lethal multi-launcher. On the other side, Deputy Moore, Corporal Pollick, and
15 Sergeant Gaytan were to be positioned on the southwest corner of the garage, with
16 Deputy Moore with a shield and his pistol, Corporal Pollick behind Deputy Moore
17 with lethal cover, and Sergeant Gaytan with a less lethal single-launcher.

18 11. Additionally, the SED Team was going to position the BearCat, which
19 is an armored rescue vehicle, in the driveway and face it towards the garage to light
20 up the garage because it was getting dark.

21 12. Sergeant Gaytan made it clear to the SED Team that if the suspect was
22 to separate himself from the firearm, the Team could not allow him to gain access
23 back to that firearm because we did not want him to be able to shoot at us or any
24 members of the public.

25 13. During the briefing, the SED Team learned that there was a family who
26 stayed in their home in the northwest corner of the multi-unit complex. The SED
27 Team made contact with the family, and the family decided to stay in the home as
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1 there was an elderly female who was not easily mobile, and the team advised the
2 family to shelter in place.

3 14. The SED Team arrived to the incident location with the BearCat and met
4 with the patrol sergeant to gain additional information. The SED Team learned that
5 Perez was kind of nodding off, he was kind of lucid, and that it was unclear if he was
6 under the influence of any narcotics or alcohol.

7 15. Due to the patrol deputies being fatigued after hours of negotiations and
8 attempts to gain compliance from Perez, the SED Team took over and took their
9 assigned positions on the corners of the garage as was discussed in briefing.

10 16. During the incident, Negotiator Alcala was the assigned crisis negotiator
11 and attempted to negotiate with Perez and gain his compliance. Once Perez started to
12 move towards the front of the garage where the SED Team was waiting, Sergeant
13 Gaytan started to give him commands so that we could safely take him into custody.

14 17. Since the academy, I was trained in accordance with San Bernardino
15 County Sheriff's Department Policy 3.608 The Use of Lethal Force that the use of
16 lethal force is justified to protect myself or others from what I reasonably believe to
17 be an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury.

18 18. After the lethal force encounter and once the robot confirmed that Perez
19 was no longer moving, the SED Team approached Perez. I saw the firearm sticking
20 out from under Perez's stomach where Perez's hands were also located. I kicked the
21 gun away from Perez towards the door to secure the scene so that Corporal Pollick
22 and Corporal McCarthy could start to provide medical aid.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
2 America that the foregoing is true and correct.

3 Executed on this 28th day of February, 2024, at San Bernardino, California.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 801 S. Figueroa St, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-3012.

On March 1, 2024, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as **DECLARATION OF DEPUTY JOSH STONE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT** on the interested parties in this action as follows:

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BY CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING: I electronically filed the document(s) with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. Participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the CM/ECF system. Participants in the case who are not registered CM/ECF users will be served by mail or by other means permitted by the court rules.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on March 1, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

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